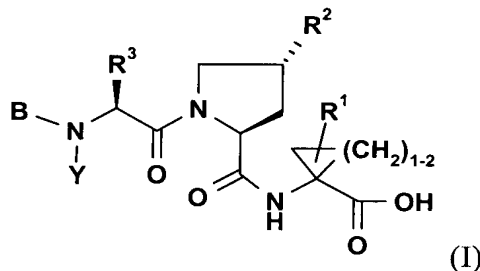


ABSTRACT

Racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers of a compound of formula (I):



wherein **B** is H, a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl; Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, all of which optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₁₋₆ alkoxy; C₁₋₆ alkanoyl; hydroxy; hydroxyalkyl; halo; haloalkyl; nitro; cyano; cyanoalkyl; amino optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; amido; or (lower alkyl)amide; or

B is an acyl derivative of formula **R**₄-C(O)-; a carboxyl of formula **R**₄-O-C(O)-; an amide of formula **R**₄-N(**R**₅)-C(O)-; a thioamide of formula **R**₄-N(**R**₅)-C(S)-; or a sulfonyl of formula **R**₄-SO₂; **R**₅ is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

Y is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R³ is C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, or C₄₋₁₀ alkylcycloalkyl, all optionally substituted with hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ thioalkyl, amido, (lower alkyl)amido, C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, or C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl;

R₂ is CH₂-**R**₂₀, NH-**R**₂₀, O-**R**₂₀ or S-**R**₂₀, wherein **R**₂₀ is a saturated or unsaturated C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl or C₄₋₁₀ (alkylcycloalkyl), all of which being optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted with **R**₂₁,

or **R**₂₀ is a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl or C₇₋₁₄ aralkyl optionally substituted, or **R**₂₀ is Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, both optionally substituted, Het or (lower alkyl)-Het; carboxyl; carboxy(lower alkyl); C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₄ aralkyl or Het, said aryl, aralkyl or Het being optionally substituted; and

R¹ is H; C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, or C₂₋₆ alkynyl, all optionally substituted with halogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.